



SCOW DUES, FEES AND REFUND POLICY

As Approved by the Board on February 26, 2024

1. *Club Membership Year.* The club membership year is April 1 through March 31 of the succeeding year. Dues or skipper fees paid after April 1 are valid for the remainder of the Club Membership Year. Dues or skipper fees paid on or after January 1 of a calendar year will apply for the Club Membership Year beginning April of that calendar year unless specified otherwise. Membership fees paid by newly joining members on or after October 1 will apply for the remainder of that year's Club Membership Year, as well as for Club Membership of the succeeding year.

2. *Annual Dues.* Annual dues for a Club Membership Year are as follows:

- a) \$65.00 for individuals or \$120.00 for household memberships through April 1, 2024
- b) \$70.00 for individuals or \$130.00 for household memberships after April 1, 2024

SCOW defines a Household as follows: A Household includes an adult (18 or older) Household Coordinator (HC) who is responsible for paying all membership initiation and renewal fees. Additional Household Members (HMs) must be 18 or older and either 1) reside at the same address as the HC, or, 2) be a direct descendant or dependent of the HC or of another HM. Minor (17 or younger) descendants within a Household must be recorded on the HC membership profile in order to participate in SCOW activities and are not counted as club members. All adult members within a household must establish a membership profile using a valid email address as their User ID and must each accept the Membership Agreement and Perpetual Waiver within their membership profile. Household Coordinators are responsible for adding additional Household Members and for coordinating HM deletion, should a HM no longer be eligible to be a HM, with the Membership Director via an email to membership@scow.org.

3. *Annual Skipper Fees.* Annual skipper fees for a Club Membership Year are as follows:

- a) \$160.00 for Flying Scots, \$235.00 for the cruising boats, or \$290.00 for both the Flying Scots and the cruisers through April 1, 2024
- b) \$185.00 for Flying Scots, \$280.00 for the cruising boats, or \$350.00 for both the Flying Scots and the cruisers after April 1, 2024 and before October 1, 2024

- c) Skipper fees paid on or after October 1, 2024 are one-half of the annual skipper fee (\$92.50 for Flying Scots, \$140.00 for cruisers, or \$175.00 for both) and are valid for the remainder of the current Club Membership Year.

To be a skipper, a member must have paid their current annual dues, their current skipper fees and the Skipper Initiation Fee if applicable. No other partial-year payments or discounts are offered.

- 4. *Skipper Initiation Fee:* A member who becomes certified as a Flying Scot or cruising boat skipper on or after January 1, 2022, but has not taken the SCOW training class for that category of boat, must pay a one-time Skipper Initiation Fee in addition to the Annual Skipper Fee for that category of boat before skipper privileges will be granted. The Skipper Initiation Fee is equal to approximately one-half of the training class fee charged by the club in that Club Membership Year for that category of boat. Skipper Initiation Fees are not prorated. If the member has taken the SCOW training class for that category of boat at any time prior to qualifying as a skipper, the Skipper Initiation Fee is waived.
- 5. *Training Enrollment and Fees.* The Training Director of each year will develop a proposed process for enrolling in classes for that year that will give all members a chance to participate in training classes, submit said proposed process to the Board of Directors no later than the February board meeting, and carry out the approved enrollment process. For example, but not exclusively, enrollment could be done online through the club's website with a pre-announced launch time for class registration. If a class is oversubscribed, the Training Director will maintain a waiting list to be used in the event of cancellations. There is no fee to be placed on the waiting list. Enrollment in a class is not guaranteed until payment in full is received. If a member has paid for a class and is unable to attend, the Training Director will give that member the waiting list for the class, if there is one. The canceling student is responsible for (a) locating a substitute student from the waiting list or "swapping" positions with a paid student in another session of the same class, (b) advising the Training Director of the name of the substitute student and (c) collecting directly from the substitute student for the cost of the class. If there is no waiting list or nobody is willing to "swap," the canceling student may advertise for a substitute student by using the SCOW email list or Channels.
- 6. *Refunds.* The club does not refund annual dues or offer partial-year dues or discounts. The club does not refund skipper fees. The Club does not refund training fees and is not responsible for finding a substitute student. However, the Commodore and Treasurer may elect to offer a refund to a club member due to extenuating circumstances.